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"JINX" MAY FOLLOW MACKMEN—VAST AMOUNT OF INTEREST SHOWN IN APPROACHING SERIES GAMES

CONTESTS WILL FILL PARKS TO FULL CAPACITY

Much More Enthusiasm Over World's Series This Year Than Last—Facts About Former Meetings.

If it were possible to ascertain just how many people would buy world's series tickets if they could, there isn't a doubt that the games to be played between the Athletics and Braves would make a new record. There has been a steady general increase in the interest taken in world's series games ever since the first one played in 1891, when Boston took five games out of eight from Pittsburgh.

These figures prove conclusively that the public does not like a monopoly of winners. Furthermore, the steady actual increase from 1904 through 1912 adds still more to this conclusion. Last season when the Athletics met the Giants the average attendance was 23,128, while the year before the average per game in the New York-Red Sox series was 31,483. This apparent dropping in the figures does not indicate in the least that there was less interest. On the contrary, it is easily seen that the reverse was the case.

While no records are apt to be broken this year in the matter of attendance and gate receipts, both Fenway and Shibe Parks are sure to be filled to capacity every day the two clubs meet. The division of the spoils will be the same as usual. The players will divide 90 per cent of the receipts from the first four games, the winners getting 60 per cent of that amount and the losers 45. The manager's share will amount to 10 per cent of the first four games, and all of the rest of the receipts if more than four games are played. Last year each member of the Athletics received slightly more than \$200, while the Giants received a little more than \$190. This year the amount to be received by the winners and losers will probably be within one or two hundred dollars of the 1912 figures.

MACK'S METHODS UNLIKE STALLINGS'

Continued from Page 1. After he had finished the pennant he drove his men just as hard until the close of the season yesterday as he did in September, when he was trying to dislodge the Giants from first place. In the recent series with the Giants, played after the flag was won, Stallings had his men going at the fastest clip he could command. His theory is that when a team has been going fast enough to win the pennant, the men will slow down in such an extent that they will be unable to defend themselves in the series unless they continue at the same rapid pace.



GEORGE STALLINGS Braves' Leader, who drove his club from the bottom of the league to the top in an unprecedented baseball sprint.

JOHNSON SELECTS UMPIRES FOR SERIES IN ROTATION

When the National Commission met here last week and announced the umpires for the world's series the general impression was that the two selected from the National League had made the best records for 1914 but there was a question in the minds of some as to whether the two chosen from the American League had led the van in dividing satisfaction. This is not intended to imply that Dineen and Hildebrand are not capable performers for their own. But if a vote were taken among those who have followed the game closely there might be others selected if the highest efficiency were the basis.

STALLINGS' CAREER SHOWN BRIEFLY

Manager Stallings, of the Braves, was born in Augusta, Ga., November 17, 1870. He serving his 24 year as a baseball manager. Played his first game as an outfielder with the San Jose, Cal. club in 1891. Won his first pennant as manager of the Augusta Southern League club in 1903. Twenty-one years later he has won another with the Braves. Started out as a catcher, but in 1906 took to the outfield and retired actively after 1911 with Detroit. Has been manager for 22 years with the following: 1902-Buffalo 1903-Buffalo 1904-Detroit 1905-Detroit 1906-Yankees 1907-Philadelphia 1908-Newark 1909-Idis 1910-Buffalo 1911-Buffalo 1912-Buffalo 1913-Arcusts 1914-Buffalo

HOT BATTLE FOR CATCHING HONORS EXPECTED IN SERIES

When any department of play is considered in the world's series, it is difficult to see the contending players in the various positions without thinking of the battle which they will wage for individual supremacy while they are pulling for their club to win. Almost as keenly as the work of the pitchers, will that of the catchers be watched. This means that Wally Schang, Jack Lapp, Hank Gowdy and Bert Whaling will be the centre of much attention. Gowdy and Schang will, no doubt, do most of the work behind the bat, although Lapp, for the Athletics, will be used when Mack sends a left-hander to the mound. Whether Whaling will get in the series is a question.

"WINNING-TOSS" JINX MAY CAUSE ATHLETICS TO LOSE

Misfortune Has Habit of Following in Wake of Manager Getting Choice of City for First Game.

Is there a jinx in winning the toss to decide where the first game of a world's series is to be played? Those who are superstitious will answer in the affirmative because the records show that the manager losing the toss has been almost universally successful. If this jinx holds good this year the Boston Braves will carry off the baseball honors. President Gaffney failed to call the turn when Herrmann tossed the coin last Tuesday week. That, according to the jinx theory, gave Mr. Gaffney's club the championship title, while it only gave Manager Mack the right to open the series in Philadelphia. This calls to mind again the many incidents which go to show the honesty of baseball. It would have been far more profitable to the club owners and to the National Commission to have the first game played in Boston, if it turns out that only five games are to be played.

MAY FOLLOW ATHLETICS.

But to get back to the original subject, this jinx which has been hanging over winners of the toss, is one of the biggest arguments against the Athletics to win, or, at least, that is the theory advanced by many ball players who would otherwise favor the Mackmen in their scrap with the Braves. The first world's series game under the present rules was in 1903, but the rules were different from those of the present, hence we will only consider those championship struggles from 1906 to the present time. During that period there have been nine series played and seven times the defeated club has won the toss. The two exceptions were the Athletics in 1910 and the Pirates in 1912. In those years the winners of the series won the toss.

FOULS NOT PASSPORTS TO WORLD'S SERIES

This Source of Joy to the Fenwick Hanger Boy Denied. The world's series is not a joy to the small boy, who stands outside the grounds day after day during the season, waiting for foul balls. In every city in the country it is the rule in the league season, that whoever happens in a ball which has been batted outside the measures should be admitted to the game. This, however, does not apply to the world's series. The majority of the balls which go over the ground are for foul balls. In every city in the country it is the rule in the league season, that whoever happens in a ball which has been batted outside the measures should be admitted to the game. This, however, does not apply to the world's series. The majority of the balls which go over the ground are for foul balls. In every city in the country it is the rule in the league season, that whoever happens in a ball which has been batted outside the measures should be admitted to the game.